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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

DATA AND TIME: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: June 24, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Schultz, Professional Member, President Alison Houck, Professional Member, Secretary Karen Smith, Professional Member John McManus, Professional Member Sarah Patterson, Professional Member Araya Debessay, Educational Member Susan Benson, Professional Member

ABSENT

Prameela Kaza, Public Member Gary Pippin, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General LaTonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Dana Rubenstein, DSCPA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:43 am.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes dated April 20, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Re-Review of Applications

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A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Brandon Edwards. Mr. Maloney reviewed and approved the CBC for continuance of the licensure process. The motion carried unanimously.

Re-Review of Applications- Final Denial of Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the final denial of the listed applications. The motion carried unanimously.

- John Davis
- The Dieterle Group
- Pamela Recht
- Fesnak & Associates, LLP
- Andrea Riviezzo
- Uzondu Obele

Review of letter from Shunsuke Cho

Shunsuke Cho addressed a letter to the Board requesting an exemption from CPE's for the 2015-2017 renewal period, due to foreign residency. The Board denied the request and suggested the licensee utilize webinars for CPE's.

New Business

Review of Combined CPA Certificate and Permit Applications

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Arti Patel. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Kristen Tosa. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Kripa Ailiani. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Nicole Ludovic, contingent upon confirmation that her supervisor was active during that period that the applicant was being supervised. The website shows that Ms. Ludovic is inactive. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Merry Hopkins. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Alexander Patseliev. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Wagas Hassan. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Yijun Mao. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Margaretha Jansaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of CPA Permit Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Debessay, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the application of Aristide Attamah. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Debessay, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the application of Rosalind Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Debessay, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the application of Scott Sheriff. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of CPA Certificate Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. McManus, to approve the ratification of CPA Certificate application of Daryl Bird. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Signing of the Orders

The Board reviewed, approved and signed the orders of:

- Satish Subbaraman
- Paul Bastianelli
- Augustine Amorighoye

Review and Consideration of Recommendations

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus, to accept the Hearing Officers recommendations for the following:

- Ofer Bargev
- Jacob Mfoghom
- Sushma lyer
- Yu An Chang
- Jilan Han
- Guarang Shah

The motion carried unanimously.

Review Crimes list

The Board mentioned cyber-crime not being listed under the crimes list. Mr. Maloney mentioned that he will bring a section of the criminal code that deals with cyber-crime so the Board can discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Gaurang Shah

Mr. Shah addressed a letter to the Board requesting an exemption from CPE requirements due to foreign residency. The Board denied Mr. Shah's request.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Schultz mentioned that the Bill is waiting for the Governor's signature. Ms. Schultz also stated that the Board needs to discuss changing the regulations to match the new

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statute; the Board should use the UAA to help with that. Ms. Brown also mentioned that she may need the help of the Board to update the applications to match the new statute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Rubenstein, on behalf of the Delaware Society of CPA's, gave recognition to Board on their hard work and dedication regarding the legislation.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held June 15, 2016 at 9:00 am in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

A motion was made by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Latery Brown

LaTonya Brown

Administrative Specialist II